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I have received many honors in my medical career, Golden Apples, Distinguished Professor and Educator Mentor awards but **none** as important to me as being elected to the Medical Board by the physicians of the First District. I am **from away**, born in Chicago and raised in Birmingham but my family and I have lived in Charleston since 1976 and South Carolina is our home. I have tried to serve my adopted state in any way I could through the years including President of the State Radiology Society, and the Charleston County Medical Society and speaking whenever asked by local organizations.

I have had decades of experience in medical licensure and discipline. I was first elected to the reconstituted State Board in 1988 and was reelected again in 1991 and served for the legally allowed (at the time) 2 terms. I was elected by the Board to serve as vice president of the Board and then President in the 1990's and was elected Secretary in 2018 and again in 2019. From 1988 through 2009 I served almost continuously on the national organizations of medical licensure, the National Board of Medical Examiners, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates – eventually serving on all three of their executive committees. I was the second chairman of the governing Composite Committee of USMLE and was the chairman of the Step 3 Committee and served on the Step 1 committee and countless test writing committees. When the term limitation statute for the Medical Board was changed I ran again and was reelected to an uncompleted term in 2015 and reelected to a full term in 2016. I enjoy the activity. I know how important the work of the Medical Board is to maintaining the respected position that the medical profession enjoys in our state. By self-policing its practitioners Medicine does all it can to protect the citizens of South Carolina. In my prior runs for the Board all but one was contested as this one is. It is a wonderful endorsement of our profession that multiple physicians are willing to run and commit to the time away from practice that Board service entails. South Carolina is the only state in the nation whose medical board members are elected. I am proud to again offer myself for Board service.

I knew many of you as students and residents at the Medical University during your training and have been fortunate to know many of those from *away* through practice and other activities. I appreciate all your support and I ask for your vote in the upcoming election.